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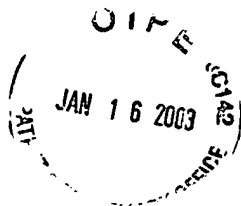
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Sir:

In compliance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. § 1.56, it is respectfully requested that this Second Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement be entered and the documents listed on the attached Form PTO-1449 be considered by the Examiner and made of record. Copies of the listed documents required by 37 C.F.R. § 1.98(a)(2) are enclosed for the convenience of the Examiner.

In accordance with 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97(g), (h), this Second Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement is not to be construed as a representation that a search has been made, and

is not to be construed to be an admission that the information cited is, or is considered to be, material to patentability as defined in 37 C.F.R. § 1.56(b).

In accordance with 37 C.F.R. §1.97(c), the present Information Disclosure Statement is being filed after three months of the filing of the present application and after the receipt of a first Official Action on the merits but before receipt of a Final Office Action UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.113, or a Notice of Allowance under 37 C.F.R. §1.311. The Assistant Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge the fee as set forth in 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(p) (\$180.00) for submission of an Information Disclosure Statement, as indicated on the enclosed Credit Card Payment Form. If the referenced authorization is inadvertently omitted or deficient, or should an overpayment be included herein, the Assistant Commissioner is authorized to appropriately deduct or credit the requisite amount from Vinson & Elkins L.L.P. Deposit Account No. 22-0365/INN643/4-013.

REMARKS

Applicants hereby inform the United States Patent and Trademark Office that the claims of a related patent, U.S. Patent No. 6,499,795 have been asserted against several defendants in a complaint filed December 31, 2002 in the United States District Court for the Eastern District of Texas, Marshall Division, Cause No. 2:02cv325.

Respectfully submitted,



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